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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO.  

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION   25X1X

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DATE OF CONTENT 2 December 1950

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DATE PREPARED 4 January 1951

REFERENCES  

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REMARKS  

SOURCE  

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1. On 2 December 1950, six twin-engine, low-wing monoplanes with slender fuselages were observed from the northern edge of the Finsterwalde (N 52/A 15) airfield. Only a part of the area in front of the hangars could be seen as the field is located on a small hill. (1) There was no flying between 11:15 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. although the weather was good. Only two U-2 biplanes, which approached the field from the east, landed and after ten minutes took off again in the same direction.
2. There is an E-W runway about in the middle of the field which extends almost to the spur track at its eastern end. A section of the taxiway could be seen at the western end of the runway. The bunker on the southeastern edge of the field had two horizontal openings. The building beside it was possibly a workshop or a garage. A building with three towers, possibly engine test stands, was located farther eastward. An antenna mast about 25 meters high was between two of the hangars. (2) No other radio installations were seen.
3. The cantonment on the northern edge of the field has been enlarged toward the north. It is fenced-in and consists of about 10 to 12 temporary buildings, about 4 meters high, 100 meters square and without windows. The area can be illuminated by arc lamps. Fire fighting equipment was also seen in the camp which is probably an ammunition dump. (3)
4. The billets on the western perimeter of Finsterwalde were occupied by air force soldiers. Ambulance   was seen in a building south of the railroad station. An air force sentry was posted in front of the building and soldiers wearing red and blue epauletts were in the building. Air force officers who wore silver and golden epauletts were seen in the villa on the southern perimeter of Finsterwalde. (4) Officers with their dependents were quartered in the settlement northwest of the field.

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 Comments.

- (1) The exact occupation of the field is not known. It is not clear whether one or two bomber regiments are stationed at the field. Another source observed three bomber regiments in the Cottbus-Finsterwalde-Dresden area, one of which was stationed in Cottbus. For sketch of airfield and buildings, see Annexes 1 and 2.

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(2) 

(3) Ammunition is believed to be stored in the temporary buildings.

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- (4) The same buildings were previously reported to be occupied by air force troops.  The headquarters personnel of a bomber unit, possibly a bomber division headquarters, are believed to be quartered in the buildings.

2 Annexes: 2 - sketches on ditto.

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